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SUBJECT: CPA – HEL AND WETLAND DETERMINATION TEMPLATE LETTERS

PURPOSE: To distribute template letters to be used by field offices when communicating with landowners regarding HEL and wetland issues.

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2010

As Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and wetland issues continue to result in an increasing number of appeals, it is important for Iowa Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employees to communicate agency decisions to participants in a manner that is clear and in accordance with federal regulations. The attached letters have been developed to assist field offices to clearly communicate decisions NRCS has made regarding HEL or wetland conservation determinations. Field offices will use these letters in most cases when any HEL or wetland determination is issued to a participant. Effective immediately, field offices are to stop using older versions of letters to notify participants of HEL or wetland determination decisions and begin using the attached templates. If a situation is encountered that is not covered or adequately addressed by one of these letters, contact John Myers, State Resource Conservationist, 515 323-2223 or john.myers@ia.usda.gov, or Don Carrington, Resource Conservationist, 515 323-2615 or don.carrington@ia.usda.gov.

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